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Dear Josh:

Thank you for the copies of your correspondence with Sermonti. I have written to Sermonti along the lines we discussed on the phone; i.e. \$1000/3months. I have spoken to Dr. Syverton also. He will help work out an arrangement for one year, with certain conditions. Most of these conditions involve commitments from me which I am unwilling to make.

I will greatly appreciate your suggestions as to best sources of income--i.e. to induce Sermonti to stay for about a year and enable him to bring his wife. I will await hearing from him (Sermonti) before I make any specific inquiries.

If I may make a confidential request---I am not particularly satisfied at UM. I have learned a great deal---My laboratory space is adequate though not spacious---My colleagues are agreeable and fairly active---Watson and Lichstein have been particularly considerate---BUT Dr. Syverton is quite aggressive and rarely does a favor without some ends in mind. The result is that I would favorably consider a move to a less medical department, in particular one which lacks an aggressive head. Dr. Syverton does not of course apply direct pressure but a constant low grade subtle hint. *But I am not so unhappy as to be unselective.*

I do not see how I can come to the Medical Genetics Symposium. I would like very much to do so but this means missing 2 days lecture and no one else can fill in for me. ~~Thank~~ you for bringing it to my attention. I really am sorry. We will get down to Madison one of these days though.

My very best wishes to you and Esther.

Sincerely,



S. Gaylen Bradley.